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VEHICLE ACTIVITY  
ROUTE 15, NORTH VIETNAM  
1816N 10540E

1. COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 15, AND ROUTE 12, ITS EXTENSION IN LAOS TO THE JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 23, IS THE BEGINNING OF THE SUPPLY ROUTE FOR TROOPS IN SOUTHERN LAOS. THIS 82-MILE ROUTE HAS A SURFACE OF IMPROVED EARTH AND GRAVEL, GENERALLY IN FAIR CONDITION. SURFACE WIDTHS VARY FROM TWELVE TO TWENTY FEET. OFF-ROAD DISPERSAL AND MOVEMENT ARE AFFECTED BY FLOODS IN THE LOWLANDS AND BY LANDSLIDES AND DENSE FORESTS IN THE MOUNTAIN AREAS.

2. PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] REVEALED A HIGH LEVEL OF VEHICULAR ACTIVITY ON ROUTE 15. AT LEAST SIXTY-EIGHT VEHICLES, SOME CAMOUFLAGED, WERE OBSERVED ON OR NEAR ROUTE 15 BETWEEN 1820N 10550E AND 1750N 10547E.

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3. [REDACTED] REVEALS VEHICULAR ACTIVITY ON NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 15 NEAR THE TOWN OF SA LONG (1816N 10540E). FIFTEEN TRUCKS, PARTIALLY CONCEALED ALONG THE ROAD BANK, ARE OBSERVED TO BE HEADING SOUTH.

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POL DRUMS ALONG ROUTE 1A  
TU DUNG AREA, NORTH VIETNAM  
1812N 10608E

MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE POL DRUMS IN  
NUMEROUS SMALL STACKS ALONG ROUTE 1A, APPROXIMATELY ONE NM EAST OF TU DUNG.

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FIVE ADDITIONAL POL DRUMS ARE NOTED IN A CART WHICH IS BEING PULLED BY  
A CAMOUFLAGED PROBABLE TRACTOR. PERSONNEL ARE OBSERVED ALONGSIDE THE ROAD,  
AND AN EMPTY CART IS OBSERVED ON THE ROAD.

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TU DUNG AREA, NORTH VIETNAM**  
18-12N 106-08E

